

February 17, 2009

State of Connecticut
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Attn: The Appropriations Committee

Re: Support Historic Preservation
Community Investment Act
Public Hearing: February 17, 2009

Dear Committee:

This letter is in support of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, an agency that is in peril of losing its share of proceeds mandated for historic preservation under the Community Investment Act . The Trust is an invaluable resource for non-profit organizations, providing Owners with direct access to historic preservation specialists and grants to retain professional design consultants with technical expertise to evaluate existing structures and to design repair schemes. I am employed by Gipple Norden Champion Brown Consulting Engineers, a Connecticut firm that specializes in Historic Preservation.

Through the Trust's guidance and financial assistance, historic building structures threatened with demolition, have been saved and restored for viable continued use and occupancy. Without continued historic preservation efforts in Connecticut, our unique landscape and heritage will be lost.

It is imperative that the Governor's proposed budget cuts and reallocations do not hinder or diminish the important role that the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation provides.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxanne L. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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